



## **MEETING SUMMARY - MARCH 27, 2002**

### **Complaints**

03-01: Lobbyist Sylvester Lukis plead no contest to the charge that he was an unregistered lobbyist when he met with the Director of Public Works on behalf of Edd Helms group. Respondent Lukis agreed to pay a fine of \$500 and accept a suspension from lobbying County officials or personnel for thirty (30) days.

03-02: The Ethics Commission dismissed the complaint against Noble Hendrix and Cooper McMillan for lack of legal sufficiency. Respondents were alleged to have engaged in voting conflicts and violating the Sunshine Law while both were serving as directors of the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District.

03-05: The Ethics Commission granted the Respondent's Motion for Continuance.

03-07: Respondent Radames Villalon, a principal of SecureWrap of Miami, stipulated to probable cause finding based upon his failure to timely file a lobbyist expenditure report. Commission agreed to waive the fine assessed against the Respondent provided he files the expenditure report within ten days of the hearing.

### **Lobbyists' Appeals**

Lobbyist Joseph Geller withdrew his appeal and agreed to be a fine in the amount of \$1050 assessed by the County Clerk of the Board for untimely filing his Lobbyist Expenditure Reports.

### **Ethics Opinions**

03-34: County Director of the Strategic Acquisition Planning Division for the Department of Procurement Management may continue his limited current involvement with the canal hauling contract, but to avoid any appearance of impropriety, should not participate in drafting specifications for contracts where In Touch Logistics, the firm which employs Director's brother, is a potential bidder.

03-37: CSA Group may serve as Program Manager for the Lateral Investigation and Replacement Program in the county's Water and Sewer Department because the firm's prior work does not overlap with the scope of work for the current project. However, the firm may not work with an affiliated firm or a firm for whom it serves as a subcontractor on any portion of the work.

03-38: WRJ may serve as Program Manager for the Lateral Investigation and Replacement Program in the county's Water and Sewer Department because the firm's prior work does not overlap with the scope of work under the lateral program. However, the firm may not work with any affiliated firm or a firm for which it serves as a subcontractor on any portion of the Lateral Investigation and Replacement Program.

03-39: Metcalf and Eddy may serve as Program Manager for the Lateral Investigation and Replacement Program in the county's Water and Sewer Department because the firm's prior work for WASA does not overlap with scope of work on this program.

03-40: Sharpton Brunson may serve on a Program Management team for the Lateral Investigation and Replacement Program in the county's Water and Sewer Department because the firm's previous work does not overlap with this project. However, the firm may not supervise an affiliated firm or a firm with whom it works as a subcontractor on another project on any portion of the Lateral Investigation and Replacement program.

03-44: Parsons and its subcontractors may serve on the Program Management team for the Lateral Investigation and Repair program in the county's Water and Sewer Department because the scope of work performed by the firm does not overlap with the work under the current project. However, the firm and the other team members may not work for any affiliated team or any firm for which it serves as a subcontractor on another project on any portion of the Lateral Investigation and Replacement program.

03-48, 50, 54, 55, 56: All these Section 8 requests were approved to contract with the county's Housing Agency.

03-49: County employee who works for the Miami-Dade Housing Agency as a Housing Manager is not permitted to contract with the County to provide Section 8 housing.

03-52: Based on the fact that the Empowerment Zone Trust is governed by an internal conflict of interest policy and not the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, the Commission on Ethics declined to issue an advisory opinion on the question(s) posed by the Trust.

03-53: H. J. Ross may provide supplemental design services for the South Terminal and serve as a member of the Construction Management Team at the Airport. However, Parsons-Odebrecht must ensure that H. J. Ross does not perform CM services on any portion of the South Terminal program where H. J. Ross has performed or will perform design services.